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## Garner to Hold Annual Event Honoring King

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Celebration Committee, in partnership with Garner Concerned Citizens United, Mayor Ronnie Williams and the Town of Garner, will hold the fifth annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. at Garner Performing Arts Center (742 W. Garner Road).

Keynote speaker for this year's event is the Rev. Vernon Tyson, a longtime Methodist minister who was active in the Civil Rights Movement in North Carolina in the 1960s and 1970s. His son Tim Tyson's memoir, "Blood Done Sign My Name," recounts in part the story of Rev. Tyson's efforts to seek justice and peace following the killing of an African-American man in Oxford, N.C., in 1970.

WRAL's David Crabtree will be emcee for this year's event. The Die Master Singers from Garner Magnet High School, the Creech Road Elementary School chorus and Kevin and Savannah Richmond are among the performers at this year's event.

From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., there will be an artists' reception for the African-American Women art exhibit on display in the GPAC front lobby Jan. 15-Feb. 28. The exhibit showcases the art of LeGrant Taylor, Eric McRay, Shawn Etheridge, FRANCO, Jermaine Powell, Delvecchio Faison and Jaylan Rhea.

For more information on the King celebration, contact Dwight Rodgers at (919) 601-5372 or (919) 601-9579. For more information on the art exhibit, call GPAC at (919) 661-4602.

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